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GENEALOGY LOCK-IN

Join us for an evening full of genealogy research

The Round Rock Public Library System and the Williamson County Genealogical Society will host a genealogy lock-in at the library on Friday evening, September 19, 2003 from 6-11pm.

The genealogy book and periodical collection will be available for your research. The microfilm and microfilm reader will also be available. The computers will be available to use *AncestryPlus*, *HeritageQuest Online*, and other genealogy related sites. There will be room to spread out your research. You do not have to worry about being too loud because it will be just us genealogists in the library.

Come meet others who are researching their ancestors. There will be opportunities to see if others are researching the same places or families. Exchange stories and ideas. Visit with representatives from local genealogical societies.

To sign up for this free event, call the library reference desk at 218-7000 or email the Genealogy & Local History librarian, Elizabeth L. Johnston at eljohnston@round-rock.tx.us. On September 19, enter the library through the Library meeting

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Recent additions to the genealogy collection

The following are recent additions to the genealogy collection. Some of these titles have been bought by the Williamson County Genealogical Society, some by the City of Round Rock, and still others have been donated to the collection.

GENERAL TITLES & GENEALOGIES

- Final Destinations: A travel guide to remarkable
Cemeteries in TX, NM, OK, AR, & LA
GEN 929.50976 FIN
- Hidden Sources: family history in unlikely places
GEN 929.1072073 PFE
- Register of graduates and former students of the US
Military academy, West Point, NY
GEN 355.071173 REG
- Stemmata Shirleiana (Shirley family)
GEN 929.241 SHIRLEY
- Family History and Genealogy of Pioneer Jacob Beiler
GEN 929.20973 Beiler
- The Beason Family Genealogy
GEN 929.20973 Beason
- The Hulce/Hulse Families in America v.1-3
GEN 929.20973 Hulse
- Master Index Virginia Surveys and Grants 1774-1791
(Lands in Kentucky)
GEN 929.3769 BRO
- If I Can, You Can Decipher Germanic Records
GEN 431.1 BEN

TENNESSEE

- Greene County, TN Wills 1783-1890
GEN 929.376891 BUR
- Washington County, TN Wills 1777-1872
GEN 929.376897 BUR

TEXAS

- The History of **German** Settlements in Texas 1831-61
GEN 325.24309764 BIE
- Polish** Genealogical Society of Texas 2000-01 Surname
Index GEN 929.308991850764 SUR
- For God and Texas: Autobiography of Francis Asbury
Mood 1830-1884- Circuit Rider, Educator, and Founder of
Southwestern University GEN 923.7764 Mood
- Texas Ranger Service Records 1830-1846
GEN 929.3764 ING
- Texas Cemeteries GEN 929.50025764 HAR

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room A entrance on Liberty Street. For security reasons, no one will be admitted after 7pm, unless they have made a prior arrangement with the Genealogy & Local History librarian.

ACCESSING LIBRARY DATABASES

To get to the library's databases, including *AncestryPlus*, *HeritageQuest Online*, and *Sanborn Maps for Texas*, go to the library databases website: <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/database.html>

From this page, choose <Genealogy, History, and Biography>. You will be sent to the page listing *AncestryPlus*, *HeritageQuest Online*, and *Texas Digital Sanborn Maps*.

AncestryPlus is available only in the library. If you are in the library and click on *AncestryPlus*, you will first get a page that says <Infotrac- Gale Group>. On this page, click on <Proceed>. Then you are given a listing of Gale Groups databases the library subscribes to. *AncestryPlus* is the third, or bottom, listing. Click on either the picture besides the words *AncestryPlus* or click on the blue highlighted and underlined <*AncestryPlus*>. This will take you to the *AncestryPlus* homepage.

Most of the other databases you can access from home or at the library. From home, once you choose a database by clicking on it, you will get a page asking for your library card number. Enter either your Round Rock library card number or your Texshare number here. Then, the homepage of the site you have chosen should appear.

If you have trouble accessing the databases, first take a look at the FAQ (frequently asked questions) on the main <databases and websites> page listed above. If none of those ideas has helped, call the library at 218-7000. Depending on the situation, they may have to forward you to either Ping Liu or David Wongwai. David's email is Dwongwai@round-rock.tx.us and Ping's email is pingliu@round-rock.tx.us. These two people are very familiar with the library's databases and what it takes to use them.

GENEALOGICAL TIDBITS

State & county outline maps

For free state and county outline maps, try http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/stco_02.htm. Click on any state or territory and a nice map with every county outlined and labeled will be shown. Just click on print to print out a copy for yourself.. There are a few states that might benefit from a landscape instead of portrait print mode.

Northwest Ohio Obituary Index

<http://index.rbhayes.org/> This site has an index to over 300,000 obituaries in the Sandusky County, Northwest Ohio region from the 1830s to the present day.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

<http://www.eogn.com/home/>

This is a very good site to hear about the latest in genealogy products, scams, events, etc. Most of the articles are free but there are some that are not.

Civil War Pension Indexes Available Online (And for free!)

Florida Confederate Pension Index

<http://www.psy.fsu.edu/~thompson/cw/pension/pension.html>

Louisiana Confederate pension Index

<http://www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/cpa-index.htm>

Oklahoma Confederate Pension Index

<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/docs/pension.pdf>

Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/pension.htm>

Texas Confederate Pension Index

<http://castor.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions/>

LIBRARY GENEALOGY CLASSES FOR AUGUST-DEC

The following classes are free but registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the Library Reference desk at 218-7000 or email Elizabeth L. Johnston, Genealogy & Local History Librarian at ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.

Class descriptions are posted on the genealogy bulletin board at the library and also on the library genealogy resources website at:

<http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/library.html>

Classes subject to change.

August 2003

- 9- Long Distance Genealogy, Library meeting room A,
Saturday 10-12 noon
- 28- Genealogy research time, Library training room,
Thursday, 5:00-8:30pm (no sign up required)

September 2003

- 19- Genealogy Lock-in-Library, enter through Liberty St
meeting room A, Friday, 6-11pm
- 25- Using HeritageQuest Online, Library training room,
Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

October 2003

- 16- Library database for genealogical research,
Library training room, 6:30-8:30pm
- 23- Using *AncestryPlus*, Library training room,
Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm
- 30- Genealogy research time-Library training room,
Thursday, 5:30-8:30pm (no sign up required)

November 2003

- 3- Using *HeritageQuest Online*, Library training
room, Monday, 6:30-8:30pm
- 10- Using the CDs in the genealogy collection
Library training room, 6:30-8:30pm
- 17- Using *AncestryPlus*, Library training room,
Monday, 6:30-8:30pm
- 24- Genealogy research time, Library training room,
Monday, 5:30-8:30pm (no sign up required)

December 2003

- 1- - Using *AncestryPlus*, Library training room,
Monday, 6:30-8:30pm
- 8- Using PERSI, Library training room, Monday,
6:30-8:30pm
- 15- Genealogy research time, Library training room,
Monday, 5:30-8:30pm (no sign up required)

History of Texas Land GEN 976.4 HIS
Bastrop County Death Records Sep 1917 to Mar 1940
 GEN 929.376432 THO

Bexar County

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Cemetery,
 St. Hedwig, TX GEN 929.5976435 OLE

Caldwell County

Remembering Lockhart's first 150 years: 1852-2002, A Pictorial
 History GEN 976.433 REM

Fayette County

125 Years of God's Grace- 1873-1998 Holy Cross Lutheran
 Church, Warda, TX GEN 976.4251 ONE

Gillespie County: A View of its Past

GEN 976.465 MOH

Hays County, Texas Index to Probate Cases 1848-1939

GEN 929.3764888 IND

Hood County

Hood County, Texas US census of 1880 & marriage records
 1875-1885 GEN 929.3764522 WOO

Jackson County

Inventory of county records: Jackson County
 GEN 352.1509764127 INV

Lee County

Images of America-Lee County, TX
 GEN 976.4247 HAM

Lee County Happenings GEN 976.4247 LEE
 In Search of a Home: 19th cent. Wendish immigration
 GEN 976.40049188 NIE

Giddings Deutsches Volksblatt 1899-1949-A History
 Of the Newspaper & Print shop of the TX Wends
 GEN 071.640899188 GAR

Matagorda County

Historic Matagorda County vols. 1 & 2
 GEN 976.4132 HIS v.1&2

Milam County

Milam County Death Records v.1 1903-1920
 GEN 929.3764288v.1

Milam County Death Records v.2 1921-1935
 GEN 929.3764288v.2

Inventory of County records: Milam County
 GEN 352.1509764288 INV

Travis County

Thankful Hubbard Chapter NSDAR Austin, Texas Yearbook
 2001-02 GEN 369.135 DAU

Travis County Marriage Records, 1883-1902
 GEN 929.376431 GOU

San Saba County

San Saba County, Texas Marriage Records 1856-1910
 GEN 929.376468 TER

Williamson County

Subject Index to the *Chisholm Trail*
 GEN 929.3764289 WIL Index v.1-21

Sam Bass, The Bandit GEN 923.41764 BASS

If you're spring-cleaning this year, consider donating your
 genealogical books and periodicals to the library or to WCGS.
 For more information, call Elizabeth L. Johnston at 218-7064
 or email at ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.

UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

5-7 24th Annual Texas State Hispanic Genealogical & Historical Conference will be at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio. For more information and a registration form, visit <http://www.geocities.com/losbexarenos/current.html>.

19 Genealogy Lock-in @ the Round Rock Library! Have fun researching and visiting with fellow genealogists all evening long. For more information, call the library reference desk at 218-7000 or email ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.

OCTOBER

25 San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society presents its annual seminar with Charles A. Sherrill. For more information, email the society at saghs@texas.net.

NOVEMBER

7-8 Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference will be at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel. For more information, see their website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsgs/>. Also contact Betty Dunquez at Bdunquez@aol.com

Keep an eye on upcoming genealogical events by looking at the <Current Events> section on the library's genealogy website. See address in the next column.

Genealogy & Local History News at the Round Rock Public Library is published four times a year to promote the genealogy and local history collection and to increase awareness of useful genealogical and historical resources inside and outside the collection.

The Genealogy Collection

The genealogy collection at the Round Rock Public Library continues to grow with materials added by both the library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society. There have also been many recent donations of materials including books, CDs, and genealogy periodicals.

The collection is located on the 2nd floor and is available for use anytime the library is open. There are some helpful binders on top of the microfilm cabinets that contain listings of all materials in the collection. Come by and see what is available.

The library's genealogy website is <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/genealogy.html>. Look on the website for current events in genealogy, the latest acquisitions to the collection, genealogical Internet links, as well as a listing of CDs, microfilm, and periodicals in the collection.

The Genealogy & Local History Librarian is Elizabeth L. Johnston. Her usual hours are Sunday 1-5pm, Monday 3-9pm, & Saturday 9-2:30pm. Her phone number is 512-218-7064 and email is ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.

Too Many Books?

Consider the genealogy & local history collection when culling through your personal collection of genealogical materials. Mark your items for the genealogy collection and give to either the library or the Williamson County Genealogical Society. Items donated will help many others and are tax-deductible. Also, consider placing a copy of your historic Round Rock photographs and/or documents in the library's local history collection. Contact WCGS' Linda Beebe or Elizabeth Johnston at 218-7064 or ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.



*Williamson County
Genealogical Society
meets the 2nd Thursday of every month
except August and December.*

*Next meeting is September 11, 2003
in library meeting room A at 7:30pm*

